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**From:** Thiede, Kurt [thiede.kurt@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/4/2018 10:43:45 AM  
**To:** Payne, James [payne.james@epa.gov]; Stepp, Cathy [stepp.cathy@epa.gov]; Newton, Cheryl [Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Wednesday Requests

Thank you!

Kurt Thiede  
Chief of Staff  
EPA Region 5

Sent from my iPhone...please excuse my typos.

On Dec 3, 2018, at 10:10 PM, Payne, James <payne.james@epa.gov> wrote:

We've now addressed each of the five items on Cheryl's list below, and no request to Ryan needed. No one is working on Wed, other than emergency response personnel if needed, and Donna orally ok'd this. We're not currently aware of any other R5 matter needing decision.

Cheryl – many thanks for compiling, conferring etc.

Jim

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**From:** Payne, James  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 8:23 PM  
**To:** Stepp, Cathy <stepp.cathy@epa.gov>; Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Wednesday Requests

As just mentioned to Cathy – Cheryl and I are aiming to avoid any need to confer w Ryan on the five items in Cheryl's email below.

- For the first two items below (Sterigenics sampling, LCD training), we're checking further w Ed and Tinka on alternatives.
- For the last three items below, we believe no further action is needed. Note that Donna said she believes emergency response personnel already are an exception.

My further notes as to each of the five items below are in **\*asterisks\***.

Jim

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**From:** Newton, Cheryl  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2018 6:49 PM

To: Stepp, Cathy <[stepp.cathy@epa.gov](mailto:stepp.cathy@epa.gov)>; Thiede, Kurt <[thiede.kurt@epa.gov](mailto:thiede.kurt@epa.gov)>; Payne, James <[payne.james@epa.gov](mailto:payne.james@epa.gov)>

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Hi Cathy, Kurt, Jim - please find below the requests for Wednesday exceptions I've received. I understand Sharon has sent you information on the Great Lakes meeting separately. I haven't yet heard anything R5 has the lead on for water yet. I did hear separately from Donna who indicated that Ryan was inclined to not have that water inspector training proceed. It's not clear OECA ever submitted specific information such as numbers and whether perhaps the training could shut down Wednesday and continue Thursday rather than a complete cancel. Note the last item references SF emergency response coverage which would be appropriate even in a shutdown situation so I don't expect that to be an issue.

Please let me know if you'd like me to do anything or send to anyone or if you will use this evening. I'll also share anything further I receive. Thanks

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